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Applicant:	Arlene Balto	Confirmation No.	4268
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RESPONSE

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed July 8, 2004, and in light of Applicant's request for continued examination, please consider the following remarks.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 2 of this paper.